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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monseigneur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZ & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co. Foochow, HEDER & Co. Shanghai, LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co. and KILBY & WALSH, Yokohama, LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BELLON, Esq. A. J. MUIR, Esq.
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Hon. W. KESWICK.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna.
Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.
LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.
Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.
CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.
American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.
COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.
FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.
COCOA MATTING.
TAPESTRY CARPET.
DOOR MATS.
California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.
WHITNEY BLANKETS.
REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.
TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.
LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.
GREEN and MARONE REP.
FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.
FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.
NAVY BLUE SERGE.
CLOTH TROWER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns.
ALBUMS, in great variety.
CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.
CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.
VYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.
COFFEE ROASTERS, TREMBLING CALL BELLS.
IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.
DESSERT, DINNER and BREAKFAST SERVICES.
TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.
FOLDING CHAIRS.
CIGARS, CIGARETTES.
KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES.
HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.
CLARET in Cases. MALT. HOPS.
CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.
CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.
LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES.
RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.
RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.
HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS.
French and English BOOTS and SHOES.
The New Patent LIFE VESTS.
PONY HARNESS, CHURCH'S FIREPROOF SAFES.
SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.
WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.
HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.
COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.
SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.
FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.
CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.
PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.
BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.
DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.
PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.
DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.
CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.
AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.
SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BATONETS.
BASS'S ALE.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.
Bass in Hds., SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 30, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO o'clock in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. my23

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EXHIBITION of FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, &c., will be held on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th of February, 1879.

W. M. B. ARTHUR,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1879. fe13

Now Ready.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price, FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

FOR SALE.

A NEW COTTAGE GRAND PIANO,

BY JOHN BROADWOOD & SONS.

J. M. ARMSTRONG.

Hongkong, January 23, 1879. fe3

Now Ready.

FENG-SHUI, or THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. F. J. EITEL. One Volume, 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Buddhism, its HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICE. In three Lectures. By Dr. F. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One Volume, 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1879.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, & PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,

Liquidators.

Shanghai, January 4, 1879. fe3

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS.
No. 42, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for Europe on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos. can be taken by him after the 28th of February.

Hongkong, January 13, 1879. fe13

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform

SULLIVAN'S OPERA

H. M. S. "PINAFORE,"

ON

MONDAY,

February 10th, 1879.

Tickets may be procured and Seats reserved at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and after Wednesday, February 6th.

G. B. EMORY,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe11

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from this Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port and at CANTON as MERCHANDISE and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU & Co.

T. I. E. von PUSTAU.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr. G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

WE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1878. fe31

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR OTTO BENECKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878.

CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR.

THOS. ARNOLD.

16, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

OHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM.

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of JOHN GRANT SMITH and WILLIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on the 31st day of December, 1878.

MADEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1878. fe4

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of MR WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS OF LADING by the Company's Steamers.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879. fe2

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RESUMED my BUSINESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, December 21, 1878. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE.

Office, Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

WE have To-day entered into Partnership under the Firm of DENEKE & GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS.

CARL DENEKE.

ERICH GEORG.

Peddar's Hill, No. 2,

Hongkong, January 15, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT BERNHARD has This Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.

HEINEMANN & Co.,

Ship Brokers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1879. fe17

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark

"AGATH."

PIRE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The S 3 L. L. 1. German Bark

"CONDOR."

STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The American Ship

"FLEETWING."

GUERRE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Gordon Castle*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of Messrs BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m., To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 4th Proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1879. fe4

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH BARQUE *ABBEY COWPER*, FROM ANTWERP.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1879. fe5

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *YANGTSE*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Yangtse*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 24th Instant, at 8 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under- signed.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 1st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. RENNEQUIN, Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under- signed for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. RENNEQUIN, Agent.

Ex "*Iravaddy*."

G (in diamond) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 3 cases Granite, from London.

Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

FONTEAUX, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

FERRY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gonyo.—Landstein & Co.

FRANCO, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chinese.

PAULIN, German steamer, Capt. Hermann.—Siemens & Co.

PIERRE, American ship, Capt. Fowler.—Russell & Co.

ALFREDO, Italian barque, Captain S. Pittaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

HARON ADELSTEIN, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Borge.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

BREITHOVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje.—Melchers & Co.

S. B. ALLEN, American barque, Captain L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.

CHANEL QUEEN, British ship, Captain Le Lacheur.—E. Schellhass & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship

"KWANGTUNG."

Capt. PUNOHAR, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 2nd Feb., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFFRACK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe3

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe26

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship *"GORDON CASTLE"* will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 1st Proximo, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe4

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship,

"BLACK HAWK."

HOWLAND, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Bark,

"ROSETTA McNEIL."

BROWN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR LONDON.

The 3/4 L.L.L. Norwegian Ship

"AUMARILDE."

TOMASEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR HONOLULU.

The A 1 American Barkentine

"MIGNON."

SOULE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark

"HAZELHURST."

GOUDRY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION

will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe16

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th day of February next, to SATURDAY, the 16th day of February next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe16

CONSULAT DE FRANCE A HONGKONG.

AVIS.

IL sera procédé le MARDI, 11 Février, 1879, à deux heures et demie de l'après-midi, à la Chancellerie du Consulat de France à Hongkong, à l'adjudication de la fourniture:

1^{re}—DES VIVRES DE JOURNALIER ET DE CAMERON.

2^{de}—DU MATÉRIEL.

3^{de}—DU CHARBON DE TERRE.

Destinés à assurer à Hongkong le ravitaillement des Navires composant la Division navale des mers de Chine et du Japon.

Les Cahiers des conditions de ces fournitures sont déposés à la Chancellerie du Consulat où les négociants désirant y participer à l'adjudication pourront en prendre connaissance.

Les offres de ces négociants, présentées sous forme de soumission ou d'engagement, devront comprendre toutes les matières et denrées indiquées au Cahier des charges, et mentionner les prix auxquels ils consentiront à fournir chacune de ces matières et denrées.

Hongkong, le 29 Janvier, 1879.

Le Consul de France,

I. PICHON.

CONSULAT DE FRANCE, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

ON TUESDAY, the 11th February, 1879, at Half-past 2 o'clock in the Afternoon, at the Consulate of France, Tenders will be received and decided for the Supply of:

1st.—PROVISIONS.

2nd.—STORES AND MATERIALS.

3rd.—COAL.

Intended for the Re-victualling and Fueling of the Vessels composing the naval Division of the French Fleet in China and Japan.

The conditions under which the Tenders will be received, and the particulars of the Articles to be supplied, are deposited at the French Consulate, where parties desiring to tender can inspect them.

The Tenders, which are to be presented accompanied with a signed form of engagement, should comprise all the Provisions and Materials mentioned in the particulars referred to above, and include the prices at which the contractor will undertake to supply each description of Provisions and Materials.

Hongkong, January 29th, 1879.

I. PICHON, Consul for France.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 30, Malacca, British steamer, 1709, H. E. Smith, Yokohama Jan. 23, daylight, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Jan. 30, *Mosquito*, H. M. gunboat, 495, Grey, Pakhoi, Hothow and Macao Jan. 30.
Jan. 30, *Nestor*, British steamer, 1414, F. W. Freeman, Liverpool Nov. 30, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 21, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 30, *Karo*, for Guam.
80, *Yaso*, for Coast Ports.
30, *China*, for Shanghai.
30, *F. Nightingale*, for Tientsin.
30, *Emilia*, for Nagasaki.
80, *Huai Yuen*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Charito, for Tientsin.
Paralos, for Tientsin.
Hawthorn, for Tientsin.
Danube, for Bangkok.
Me-li, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Malacca, from Yokohama, Mrs Griffin and infant, Mr and Mrs David Murray, 2 children and servant, Mrs Wright and child, Mr Edmund Taylor and servant, for Southampton; Mrs Griffin's servant and Mr George Dennis, 18 Distressed Seamen, and 9 Chinese deck, for Hongkong.
Per *Nestor*, from Liverpool, &c., Messrs Otterson and Hogan, Mrs Wilson, Capt. Vincent, Mrs Beider, and 94 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per *Yaso*, for Foochow, Mr H. J. Broadbent; for Taiwan via Amoy, Mr H. Shuglo.
Per *Huai Yuen*, for Shanghai.—30 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

None.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, AND HIOGO.

Per *Gordon Castle*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 1st Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCOW.—Per *Kwangtung*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 1st February.

For SAIGON.—Per *Quinta*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 8th February.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Pekin* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 4th February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. fe4

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Tigre* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 8th February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Peking* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 22nd February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

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HOURS OF CLOSING.

THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure.—

5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure.—

7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until the time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Yangtse* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

Dividend of 3% on Shares of H. O. & M. Steamboat Co. payable at H. & S. Bank.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 1:—

Daylight.—*Gordon Castle* leaves for Shanghai, &c.

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

SUNDAY, February 2:—

Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, February 3:—

9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

Register of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to 15th February, inclusive.

TUESDAY, February 4:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, February 8:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MONDAY, February 10:—

9 p.m.—Opera by the H. K. Choral Society at the City Hall.

TUESDAY, February 11:—

Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 24th February, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 12:—

Transfer Books of The H. K. Fire Insurance Co., Limited, closed from this date to 26th February, inclusive.

SATURDAY, February 15:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

SATURDAY, February 22:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MONDAY, February 24:—

2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

WEDNESDAY, February 26:—

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

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The other play last night was as characteristic of French genius in humorous burlesque as the Rough Diamond is of sterling English good sense: being the *Léon d'Astronomie*, entitled "*Le Passage de Venus*," by Méliès and Halévy, in the rendering of which the French Amateurs of the Concordia Society were, so far as we could judge, faultless; and certainly in animated fun and gesture they were characteristically effective.

P. S.—A complete programme is inclosed.

Police Intelligence.

(Before J. Russell, Esq.)
Jan. 30, 1879.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

John Linstrom and Edward Caroe, both seamen of the Brit. barque *Sir Lancelot*, were charged before his Worship with cutting and wounding at Yokohama. Inspector Matheson stated that prisoners were brought to the Water Police Bulk this morning by P. O. 79, who charged them as above. Jas. Smith, P. O. 79, said that he boarded the British S.S. *Malacca* this morning, and the Chief Officer told him that he had two prisoners on board sent down from Yokohama by the British Corral, and asked him to take them in charge. He asked him for the papers and was informed that there were not any. A paper was shown him as authority for the officer to take charge of the prisoners to Hongkong. The officer said there was a complaint and a witness, and that the case was one of stabbing.

The constable applied for a remand until to-morrow, which was granted by the magistrate, who remarked that there ought to have been more authority given for the men's arrest.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale.)

January 18, 1879.

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY.

This was an application, on the part of the Official Assignees, for power to sell the Oriental Sugar Refinery, with patent, machinery, etc. The Attorney General (Mr. Philpotts), instructed by Mr. Brereton, appeared on behalf of the Official Assignees; and Mr. Haylar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller & Johnson, appeared for the largest mortgagee, Lo Hok King. Mr. Plunket, the Official Assignee, sat at the table with counsel.

The proceedings commenced with a discussion raised by the Chief Justice as to who was properly the solicitor for the Official Assignees. His Lordship was informed that Mr. Brereton had accepted that duty, and a letter was put in, dated 20th January, to that effect. Mr. Plunket stated that, prior to that date, he had had no solicitor. The Chief Justice said that the Official Assignee was not supposed to know the law, and he thought that officer would not be doing his duty if he did not always engage the services of a solicitor.

Mr. Plunket reminded the Court that, in the case of *Wahne's* bankruptcy, for instance, it was doubtful whether there would be any assets to pay for a solicitor. Mr. Brereton, who arrived at this stage, stated that he had agreed to act, in the bankruptcy of Kinn and Wahne, for the Official Assignee, from 20th inst.

The Attorney General then said:—I am instructed by the Official Assignee— The Chief Justice here interrupted, and asked for the affidavit. He could not proceed a step until the affidavit was filed; otherwise it was all mere gossip. Here it was the Deputy Registrar who ought to act, and the Official Assignee would thus have his proceedings checked. Mr. Plunket would know of course what he meant. [Mr. Plunket: Yes, my Lord.] But there was no check whatever; and as for the affidavit, here the notice was given on the 20th Jan., and he had not now a particle of evidence before him.

The Attorney General informed his Lordship that the affidavit was being engrossed. The Chief Justice: And this is a Court of Justice!—He would go further and say that, even on an affidavit, there would be many documents required. Here was an allegation that Duncan had acquired an interest, and there was a partnership. Any petitioner could allege a partnership.

The Attorney General said that they could produce the documents. The Chief Justice replied that he supposed they could; he did not presume that the statements were not grounded on truth, but he had before him about eighteen sections, containing such an allegation unsupported by proof.

The Attorney General remarked that he had no doubt an affidavit was necessary. The Chief Justice replied that parties ought not to have been called to appear until it was ready.

The Attorney General explained that it was found at the last moment that the gentleman who was to swear to it was not sufficiently acquainted with the facts to do so. Mr. Brereton would now do it.

The Chief Justice observed that Mr. Brereton could not swear to all the facts. Mr. Brereton was understood to say that he could swear to most of them.

The Chief Justice: Why on earth such a document has been put before me as it has been passed by my comprehension, unless I am expected to decide on gossip.

The Attorney General admitted that the affidavit ought to have been ready. The Chief Justice said that he ought to have been told that it was not ready.

The Attorney General suggested an adjournment for half-an-hour.

The Chief Justice would gladly adjourn for an hour, but asked Mr. Brereton to look at the position; he did not believe Mr. Brereton could do what was really necessary, as there was a document required for nearly every paragraph. He must admit there had been very great laxity with regard to the practice in this Court. Everything was taken for granted. He could not take mere admissions in cases where absent creditors were affected.

Mr. Haylar suggested an adjournment until to-morrow.

The Chief Justice: It can't be done today. Where are the bankrupts? Mr. Brereton said they had notice to attend.

you know, Mr. Brereton, however much I may believe you outside of this Court.

Mr. Brereton replied that Mr. Holmes had told him that he would attend.

The Chief Justice having made a reference to the absent partners, Messrs. W. McGregor Smith, and F. Dawson, the Attorney General reminded the Court that the mortgagees had power to sell.

The Chief Justice: Let them do so, then.

Mr. Haylar said that the mortgage had not immediate power to sell. He could sell on the 23rd of next month, and intended to do so.

The Chief Justice observed that he was quite willing to assist them, but that he must do so according to law. Who represented the other interests?

The Attorney General replied that Mr. Toller represented some and Mr. Brereton the others.

The Chief Justice said that they must all come in, and that every one outside, who did not consent to the proceedings in bankruptcy, was not bound by them. He hoped in future that the Official Assignee would never again act in any matter of importance until he had obtained the advice of a solicitor. All this kind of business was done by the Registrar and the Official Assignee, and unless complaints were made, the Court could do nothing. The result consequently fell on some one, but certainly the responsibility was not upon the Court. There was a time when the law was such that a bankruptcy was stopped if a trade assignee had not been appointed; and he hoped to see that law in force here some day. Then they would adjourn until to-morrow. How about costs of the day?

The Attorney General said that there would be no application for costs, as the motion was a friendly suit.

Mr. Haylar said it would be of little use to ask for costs from the Official Assignee (a laugh).

His Lordship then remarked that the matter ought to have been properly brought before the Court, and fixed the hearing at 11 a.m., that being the Attorney General's last day here before his departure home on sick leave.

IN PROBATE.

In the Estate of Lieut. General WITTEZELD, Deceased.

Mr. Toller appeared to apply, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Jackson (attorney for the Executor under the will proved in England), for letters of administration in the above estate. General Wittefeld was in command of H.M.'s forces on the China Station, and for some time administered the Government of Hongkong, during the years 1868-70.

Mr. Plunket, the Registrar of the Court, on presenting the papers to the Chief Justice, was asked whether he had looked through them.

The Registrar replied that he had not. The Chief Justice then said it was the business of the Registrar of the Court to look through and acquaint himself with the contents of all papers in such applications. Mr. Toller alleged that they had been in the Registrar's office since—

His Lordship here set it down for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The papers in another application were produced and handed up.

The Chief Justice (to the Registrar): Have you read through these papers?

Mr. Plunket: No.

The Chief Justice also adjourned this application, remarking that if the Judge thought fit to look over such documents, that was all right, and supplied a double check; but the Registrar must make himself acquainted with every detail in such matters.

The Court then rose.

Japan.

(Mail.)

The *Higo Maru*, Captain Moore, on her last trip from Hakodate to this port, had quite an eventful passage. She left Hakodate on the morning of Thursday, the 9th inst., and as there was a heavy north-west gale blowing at the time, the steamer took a course further off shore than usual. About one o'clock on Thursday afternoon, when twenty miles from nearest land, a fisherman's net was noticed floating alongside, and shortly afterwards a boat was sighted, floating bottom up, with seven men clinging to her sides and keel. Captain Moore immediately bore down for them, and as it was impossible to launch a boat in the heavy sea then running, men were stationed in various parts of the steamer, with lines round their waists, ready to jump overboard and rescue the unfortunate people. The vessel, however, rounded to sufficiently close to enable ropes to be thrown on to the wreck, and one of the poor fellows not being so much exhausted as the others, succeeded in making fast the line round himself and companion. They were then hauled safely on board. Six of the number were so exhausted and their limbs and hands stiffened with cold, that when brought on board they still held in their grasp portions of the boat to which they had been clinging, and their hands had to be well thawed before the wood could be taken from them. They were then treated with warm spirits and wrapped in blankets, and after some hours were brought safely round. Their story is that they belonged to a village on the coast, and had started out that morning fishing. Their boat was capsized about nine o'clock, and they had been clinging to the boat for four hours. When they were picked up they had given themselves up for lost, being aware that they had drifted so far out to sea as to be away from the usual course of trading vessels, either native or foreign. Had it not been for their fingers stiffening round the parts of the boat to which they were clinging, they said that they could not have held on for so long, as it was bitterly cold and the sea broke over them continually. The Japanese supercargo on board the *Higo Maru* was particularly kind and energetic on behalf of the poor fishermen and insisted on subscribing nearly the whole of his stock of clothes for outfitting the sufferers. On Friday morning the steamer arrived off Shinagawa, when a number of passengers, including the supercargo above mentioned, while on the way to the shore in a native boat capsized. As soon as possible a boat was lowered from the steamer and went to the rescue in charge of the second officer, who succeeded in saving every person but the supercargo, this poor man sank as soon as the boat turned over, and was seen no more. Truly his was a hard fate.

One of the Russian met-o-weather is now being repaired in the Dock belonging to the Government iron-works at Kobe.

Mori Kuzosuke of the town of Aichigawa, in Omi Shiga Ken, much regretting the

inferiority of the silk production in his native province, has been studying the method of silk growing in the various countries of Europe. Having returned to his native town last year, he applied to the local authorities, and through them obtained a Government subsidy; he is now engaged in establishing a large silk factory.

According to the same paper, the total number of National Banks which have already obtained permission, and are to be established in the whole country, number 142; and the total amount of their capital is yen 30,011,100.

Okuda, a *shizoku* of the Kagoshima Ken, in company with another Japanese, made an application to the authorities for permission to make a contract for erecting lamps and lighting with gas the streets of Kobe. His application having been granted, they will commence shortly to put up lamp-posts, etc.

It is rumored that the Mitsui Bishi S. S. Company, in order to extend business in the north, intend to establish branch offices at the ports of Niigata and Fushiki.

CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA AT ISCHL.

Deep in the beautiful valleys of the Salzkammergut, at the spot where the wild mountain-streams of the Traun and the Ischl unite their waters, embosomed in woods of fragrant pine, upon which look down from afar the distant snow-clad peaks of the Bavarian Alps, is the summer retreat of the most hard-working and conscientious, and yet perhaps the most unfortunate, of European crowned heads. Here the emperors state of the Burg at Vienna, and the summer-palace at Feldbrunn, is laid aside for a while. The endless audiences which would try the patience of even an American President, the long-drawn reviews on the hot dusty plain of the Schmelz, cease their weary round, and for a few weeks in late autumn or early winter, the Emperor of Austria and his family enjoy the simple quiet life of an Austrian watering-place.

You are staying, let us suppose, at Ischl, exploring the charming valleys which diverge from it in all directions, or whipping your rod the babbling trout-streams, which wind like silver threads below the pine-clad mountains, or if you are not inclined for mountainism, sitting dreamily under the vines which overshadow the broad terrace beside the swiftly-rushing Traun, listening to the band, as it plays waltzes by Strauss, or familiar airs from Offenbach and Suppé; or watching the sea and motley stream of idlers of every nation which floats past you. There are Russian grandees; Magyar and Polish magnates; crowds of the prettiest and most graceful women in the world from the gay Austrian capital; stockbroking Israelites from their Bourse, not very unlike their compatriots at home—their wives and daughters covered with diamonds; plain-looking American citizens, who are doing the Old World on a system; Austrian officers, in their bright and varied uniforms; and now and then, an unmistakable Briton looking somewhat lonely and *distrust* amid the babel of foreign tongues around him. You hear that the Emperor has arrived. The great event of the season has come; and looking up to the hill on which the Kaiservilla stands, you see the black-and-yellow colours of Austria flying from the flagstaff. A few minutes' walk brings you to the iron gates of the Imperial grounds. You might suppose, from the simple lodge, that you were entering the unpretending park of an English country gentleman, but for the sentry-box, in which stands a soldier in the white uniform of an Austrian infantry regiment. Passing up a broad gravel road, bordered on either side by a closely-shaven lawn, dotted with clumps of major's evergreens, and which extends, on your right, to a lofty pine-clad hill, with winding paths and rustic summer-houses, known as the Kaisberg, you approach the house, a plain mansion of white stone, looking cool and refreshing in the sunlight, with its bright-green *jalousies*, and its framework of pine-wooded hills. In front is a wide *parterre*, ablaze with beds of hot-house flowers in all colours of the rainbow. Flanking the vestibule are two grand hunting subjects in bronze, the size of life, purchased by the Emperor at the Vienna Exhibition. You enter the spacious hall, and are told that the splendid antlered heads, each with a little ivory tablet bearing a date, which line hall and staircase from floor to roof, are all trophies of the Emperor's prowess in the chase. A capital shot and a passionate sportsman, this is his only relaxation from the cares of State.

You happen to have a friend among the personal attendants of the Kaiser, who shows you the Royal apartments. Those of the Emperor are simple enough. Two large plain rooms, covered with Indian matting and simply furnished in dark sober-looking walnut. By his bedside stands, before a *préfixe*, a silver crucifix with ivory Christ, the gift of his father, the late archduke Franz Karl, on his first coming to the inscription at his base tells you, and which always accompanies him on his travels. On a writing-table are lying some coarse Virginia cigars—for he is an inveterate smoker—and on a shelf above is a well-worn military cap, and a few books in several languages. Among them you remark two or three in English, for his Majesty is an accomplished linguist. A long corridor divides these rooms from the apartments of the Empress, still, in spite of her rising family of grandchildren, a celebrated beauty. Here is Imperial splendour enough. Ante-chambers filled with choice exotics; Louis Quatorze furniture in white and gold; rooms in rose and blue and pale-green silk; Aubusson carpets, gilded mirrors, curious *ébénés*, and what, in a attractive your notice, a very fine collection of water colour drawings of Tyrolean scenery. In one of the ante-rooms is lying, on a deer-skin mat, a huge full-blooded English mastiff, a great favourite with her Majesty, and her companion in all her journeys. He is supposed not to be present in German, at least the Empress may often be heard talking to him in English of the purest accent. This Royal and Imperial household has a special attendant devoted to his service, a gall-dressed Moor, sent as a present to the Emperor by the Viceroy of Egypt a few years since, and who, as you leave the villa you notice a large swing, with which the Royal children amuse themselves; and grazing in a paddock are some half-bred Hungarian mares, who furnish the *Kumiss* for the Emperor's stable chest.

The flight of a shepherd's white plume comes in sight, and a moment after the Majesty distasteful to you on their way home in a low open carriage, drawn by a pair of grays. A tall portly man, of solidly bearing, in the light-blue uniform of an Austrian general, who does not look much

over forty, though he is nearer fifty, with sandy hair cropped close to the head, and turning an iron-gray, regulation military whiskers and moustache, small restless gray eyes, and the blunt features and heavy lips which distinguish the Hapsburg family. This is the man whom, thirty years ago, a bloody revolution called to the throne of Austria. His uncle, the late Emperor Ferdinand, forced to abdicate, named his nephew, then a youth of but eighteen, as his successor. That he has so long held in check the clashing elements and bitter jealousies of the half dozen nationalities which compose his dominions says much for the patience, tact, and dogged spirit of hard work which have carried him through difficulties and dangers where a man of more brilliant ability and impulsive character would have failed. He is master of six European languages, and wins the hearts of his subjects by addressing deputations from Hungary and Bohemia, from Austrian Poland and Croatia, each in their mother tongue. In spite of his almost proverbial misfortune in war, he is personally very popular all over the empire; and no one who witnessed the enthusiastic welcome he received as he drove through the brilliantly illuminated streets of Vienna on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession could doubt as to the place he holds in the hearts of his people.

At Ischl the Emperor rises with the sun, and after a cup of coffee and a *Kigell* starts off in an old undress uniform jacket and a foraging cap, with a thick stick for a companion, on a solitary hour's ramble in the woods. Towards eight the Imperial courier arrives from Vienna, and some time is spent in attending to despatches and papers of State, for Francis Joseph holds the strings of two or three portfolios in his hands, and is anything rather than a crowned puppet. Then, if the weather be fine, he breakfasts with the Empress and his children in a pretty garden pavilion, which commands magnificent views over the valleys of the Ischl and the Traun. At four he dines, generally *en famille*. Prossie and matter-of-factly the Emperor looks, there is a touch of romance about his marriage. The Empress Elizabeth is his cousin. Her elder sister, now Princess of Thurn-Taxis, was destined for the Imperial throne. But the young monarch, on going to Munich to visit his intended bride, was so struck with the beauty and charms of her younger sister, that after a ball at the *Schloss* of her father, Duke Max, he presented the simple young Bavarian princess, then a mere girl of sixteen, with a bouquet, telling her that she was the chosen Empress of Austria and Queen of Bohemia and Hungary.

Chamote-hunting and deer-stalking are the chief out-door amusements of the Court at Ischl. The beaters start long before dawn, and the game is driven past the Emperor and his party, stationed at given spots in the woods. The courtiers, courtier-like, always yield his Majesty the gas and leave him the first shot, which may perhaps have something to do with the numerous trophies of the chase which adorn the Kaiservilla. With a good glass the chamois can often be seen clambering high up on the rocky patches among the pine-covered mountains round Ischl. But a solitary hunting expedition, with no companion but his favourite *Jäger*, rifle in hand, deep into the wooded mountains and solitary valleys, which stretch round the Imperial domain in every direction, is more to the Emperor's taste. Dressed in the rough costume of the Tyrol, they will often make excursions of two or three days' duration, staying the night at some distant *châlet*, where the only fare, but the game they bring with them, is goat cheese and milk, with black-looking bread, the rank of their guest being sometimes quite unknown to the peasants who give him shelter.

Austria and its Emperor seem to have a strange attraction for ex-Royalties and Serenities. Perhaps it is that some mysterious instinct tells them that the last of the Hapsburgs will one day be their companion in misfortune. The scarlet livery of the English Royal Family was for many years a familiar sight in Vienna, where the last of the irreconcilables, the late King of Hanover, resided. On a summer's evening at Ischl you may now and then meet the Emperor sauntering by the Traun's bank, with his arm in that of a plain-looking middle-aged man, in the undress uniform of an Austrian major. This is the ex-Crown-Prince of Hanover, now our own Duke of Cumberland, a colonel of Austrian cavalry, in his companion or Prince Milan, the first sovereign who sits somewhat uneasily on the throne of Serbia; while half a dozen of the once rulers of petty principalities, wiped out from the map of Europe by the mailed hand of Bismarck, form around him a little court of unfortunates.

On a wet evening, when the little theatre is opened, you may often enough see the Emperor there. And a quaint sight it is; the director of the small provincial company receiving the Royal party at the door with a pair of lighted candles, which shade rather visibly in his hands, and an apology for evening dress. There the Emperor, still honoured with the lighted candles even in his box, will sit for an hour or two listening to screaming farces and renderings of *Trappist* and *Gertrude* which would amaze M. Jacques Offenbach if he could but hear them. Sometimes he will drive with one of his equerries or the Crown-Prince Rudolph—the late Archduke Franz Karl, his father, was often his companion at such times—to some little out-of-door café, a mile or two from Ischl, and sit for half an hour under the shady trees sipping his coffee and smoking his long Virginia cigar amid the little throng of chance visitors with all the *Gentilshommes* in the world. He is saluted with quiet respect; for the Austrians never mob Royalty like an English crowd. On Sunday the Court always attends Mass in the pretty village church, and none more devout than his Catholic and Apostolic Majesty.

The Empress is less seldom seen in public; nor, in spite of her beauty, is she so popular as her husband; she is a splendid horsewoman, and rides well to hounds. You may meet her occasionally on horseback on some secluded road round Ischl, attended only by an English groom, who, by the way, has been lately discharged for untidy legs when on duty with his Royal mistress. And now and then you may encounter the Emperor and Empress taking a *dé-vêille* ramble in the woods, without any attendant whatever but the *chasse-maitre*. The worthy Bürgermeister of Ischl is always asked to meet once with the Imperial family on the occasion of their summer visit, just like the country parson, when his Grace goes down into Midlothian for the shooting. Austrians of all nationalities in the Empire have a strong heroic kind of devotion for their simple soldier-sovereign. The ill-for-

tune in war, which seems to follow him like some evil charm, has no apparent effect in the place he holds in their affections; perhaps from a presentiment that he is the only barrier which has stemmed so long the hated tide of Prussian-Germanism, and that he is the last of the great race of Hapsburg, on whose head will be united the triple crown of the Empire.—*World*.

DIRECTIONS FOR PRUNING.

M. Du Boreuil, in a work on pruning and training fruit trees, published in France, lays down the following rules based on the fundamental principles underlying the whole method:

1. The permanency of form in trained trees is dependent on the equal division of sap.
2. Prune the strong branches short, but allow the weak ones to grow long.
3. Depress the strong parts of the tree, and elevate the weak branches.
4. Suppress the useless buds on the strong parts as soon as possible, and as late as possible on the weak parts.
5. Nail up the strong parts very early and very close to the wall.
6. Delay nailing the weak parts as long as possible.
7. Suppress a number of the leaves on the strong side, and leave them on the weak side.
8. Allow as large a quantity of fruit as possible on the strong side, and suppress all upon the weak side.
9. Bring forward the weak side from the wall and keep the strong side to it.
10. The sap develops the branches much more vigorously upon a branch out short than upon one left long.
11. The more the sap is retarded in its circulation, the less wood and the more fruit buds will develop.
12. To retard excessive growth, either, during Autumn, root-prune or remove the trees, or in the spring expose the roots to the sun, and keep manure and water from them; retarding the excessive vigor of the tree leads to its fruit-bearing.
13. Keep the fruit as far as possible vertical, and their stems lowermost.
14. Let the leaves lap over the fruit till nearly ripe, when the light as well as heat must be allowed to bear on the fruit.

THE WATERING-PLACE MYSTERY.

(New York Times.)

There is a shadow that rests upon our watering-places. It is a metaphorical shadow, of course, for one of the essential characteristics of a watering-place is the total absence of all real shade. The visitor who arrives at Long Branch or Saratoga or Newport, or one of those vague places where Philadelphians are said to gather in order to wonder at one another, is struck by the troubled expression of the faces of the male residents. It is obvious that each man is wrestling with some problem of tremendous difficulty, and is nearly hopeless of solving it. Groups of young men club their intellects together, and having thus obtained an appreciable degree of mental force, expend it discussing in low but earnest tones the mystery that oppresses them. Here and there an elderly gentleman may be heard to mutter, "It must be because—" or, "Too season why they do it—" but he always abandons his unfinished sentence, and tacitly admits that it is untrue. Those of us who do not go out of town, but remain to greet returning wanderers with the venerable lie concerning the coolness of the city in summer, the magnificence of which dwarfs the best efforts of a Louisiana statesman, notice that they are preoccupied in manner, and have grown prematurely old. The watering-place mystery is responsible for this also. It is crushing the health and spirits of our countrymen, and hurrying them toward madness and despair. There can be no duty more high and holy than that of solving, without a moment's unnecessary delay, this mystery that darkens our watering-places and blights even our youngest and most beautiful brookers and dancing men.

Early in the present season it was noticed by thousands of independent observers that all young ladies, and nearly all middle-aged ladies, were unable to stand on the piazza, or in the doorway of an hotel, or even on the side-walk or the beach, without constantly raising on the forward extremities of their shins. At first it was thought that this practice was in some way intended as an aid to conversation, but it was soon found that ladies were addicted to it when alone, or at all events, when not engaged in conversation with anybody. A bold explorer, who ventured upon the upper back piazza of a Long Branch hotel early one morning in June, found 73 ladies holding on to the railing and rising rhythmically and incessantly upon their—perhaps we might as well say toes at once. Fortunately, the observer was unseen, since the faces of the ladies were turned from him, and he thus made his escape, feeling like a hypothetical young Roman who had accidentally witnessed the rites of the *Dona Dea*, the latest instance of *deus engaged* in performing the same unaccountable feat—while holding fast to the backs of chairs or the upper rails of fences—have since been repeatedly observed. Scarcely a single lady who visits a watering-place fails to join in this mysterious ceremony, and there is not one who will confide even to her nearest and dearest masculine friend its meaning and object. We need not wonder that in the presence of a mystery like this the lawyer no longer reads the advertisements of European steamers, and the broker has ceased to brook with zest and intelligence. Why do the women constantly poison themselves on their alleged toes? It is this question which confronts the watering-place male by day and by night, while he gropes wildly and in black darkness for answer that he never finds.

How grand and simple are the processes of pure reason. Mystery is as this novel female rite may seem to the untrained mind, it is easily solved by those who are accustomed to the methods of the inductive philosophy. It has escaped the notice of most men that a certain number of *Harper's Magazine*—precisely which one need not be mentioned—is apparently in the possession of eight-tenths of all the ladies at the leading watering-places. Back numbers of magazines are rarely preserved, and it is certainly strange that one particular back number of one particular magazine should be thus persistently popular. Now, when two mysteries suddenly come into existence side by side, it is natural to ask if there be not some connection between them. If nearly all the ladies who pride themselves on what we may temporarily assume to be toes, constantly carry with them an old number of *Harper's Magazine*, is it not fair to suppose that the one phenomenon has an intimate and necessary connexion with the

other? That this is true can be easily ascertained by carefully examining the magazine. In it will be found the key of the mystery that has for months oppressed our countrymen, and which has hitherto baffled all investigation.

Of course, Mr. Blackie did not foresee that his essay on physical culture would have the far-reaching result of which the Long Branch and Saratoga piazzas have borne testimony. He is a boating man, and his thoughts when writing this essay were fixed upon the oarsmen of his beloved college. How could he imagine that in giving hints to the Harvard eight as to the best method of cultivating those muscles, the mission of which is to defeat Yale, he was giving an impulse to the boating trade, the effects of which will reach from far Haliburg to the looms of Lyons and the mills of Massachusetts?

Mr. Blackie has assured his fellow boating men that if they constantly practise rising on their toes they will develop with great rapidity and success the muscles of the calf, which, as every one knows, are of immense use to the oarsman. This is an undeniable assertion, and its truth can readily be proved by experiment. In publishing it to the world Mr. Blackie has built about 400 times better than he knew. The ladies who have read it—but want of space forbids any further and fuller discussion of the matter. It is sufficient to say that the mystery of the watering-places is a mystery no longer, and that Mr. Blackie and *Harper's Magazine* are the pioneers of the greatest and noblest reforms that this continent has ever known.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, January 30, 1879.

OPUM—New Patna, cash,	3565
" "	—
" Old Patna, cash,	—
" "	—
" New Bonares, cash,	525
" "	—
" Old Bonares, cash,	—
" "	—
" New Malwa, cash,	800
" "	—
" Allowances Teels,	12
" Old Malwa, cash,	805
" "	—
" Allowances Teels,	—

Exchange.

Telegraphic Transfer, ...	3/6
Bank, on demand, ...	3/6
" 30 days' sight, ...	3/7
" 6 months' sight, ...	3/7 1/2
Credits, ...	3/8
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ...	3/8
Bombay, demand Rupees, ...	220
Calcutta, ...	218 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer, ...	72
Shanghai, demand, ...	72 1/2
" 30 days, ...	72 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ...	105 1/2
Sycee, ...	109 1/2
Mexicans, ...	2 1/2
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine, ...	27.60
English Sovereigns, ...	5.42
Australian Sovereigns, ...	5.43

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 52 1/2 prem.	
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600	
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500	
Yankee Ins. Assoc., \$1,725	
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300	
North China Ins. Co., \$1,300	
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$800	
China Fire Ins. Co., \$185	
H.K. & W. Dock Co., par.	
H.K. & W. S. Boat Co., par.	
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$1,17	
China Coast Ste. Nav. Co., \$1,162	
Hongkong Gas Co., \$35	
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65	
China Sugar Refining Co., \$148	
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$108	
Do. of 1877, £108/10.	

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Queen's Road.)		
HONGKONG January 30, 1879.		
BAROMETER—	9 A.M....	30.1
Do.	1 P.M....	30.1
Do.	4 P.M....	30.1
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M....	63½
Do.	1 P.M....	64
Do.	4 P.M....	63
Do.	(Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	62
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	61
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	60
Do.	Maximum	65½
Do.	Minimum over night	61

Halls.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MED-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
VIA BOMBAY,
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
PEKIN, Captain W. Woolcott, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 1st February,
at Noon.
Tea and General Cargo for London will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. fcl

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
AND
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. OCEANIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1879, at
8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 3rd February. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, January 3, 1879. fcl

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 8th February,
1879, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
TIGRE, Commandant CHAMPENOIS,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 7th February, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 27, 1879. fcl

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY,
the 22nd February, at 8 p.m., taking
Passengers, and freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE,
A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY,
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and
CONSULAR SERVICES in COM-
MISSION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 21st February. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 3, Praya Central.
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 28, 1879. fcl

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

BERLIN COLOGNE
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
BERLIN.

Guarantee Funds of the
Company's Reinsurers, M. 100,000,000
Shareholders Capital, " 6,000,000
Premiums and Interests " 5,157,643
Reserves, " 1,666,122
Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,823,763

Capital Insured end of 1877, M. 1,024,507,681

THE Undersigned having been Appoint-
ed AGENTS GENERAL for the above
Company, are prepared to grant
Insurances to the extent of £50,000 on
First-class Risks at Current Rates.

GROSSMANN & Co.,
Agents General.

Hongkong, January, 1879. fcl

THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE
ASSURANCE COMPANY,
LONDON.

THE AGENCY of the above Company
at this Port and at FOCHOW has
This Day been Transferred to the Under-
signed, who are prepared to accept Risks
and grant Policies at Current Rates.

BIRLEY & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. fcl

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saidon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of

His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000 "
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 100,000 "
Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

L. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant in-
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of £50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

To Let.

HOUSES Nos. 5 and 9, Zealand Street
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-
DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,
Praya Central.

Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession
1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the
whole House or in Flats, with possession
on the 1st April next.

Also,
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at
Wanchai. These may be had in Apart-
ments of Two or Three Rooms to suit
convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.
FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.

Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's
day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese
Mail will be issued DAILY instead of tri-
weekly as heretofore. No change, how-
ever, will be made in the price of subscrip-
tion, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now
assimilated to those of the China Mail.
The unusual success which has attended
the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable
medium for advertisements.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual
circulation of one thousand copies. It is
already the most influential native journal
published, and enjoys considerable prestige
at the Ports of China and Japan, and at
Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Rangoon,
and elsewhere.

China Mail Office,

THE CHINESE MAIL.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Albay	1	F. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
America	4 c	Graham	Brit. str.	1000	Jan. 17	Birley & Co.	.....
Atalanta	3 b	Petersen	Ger. str.	782	Jan. 16	Meyer & Co.	Hoihow & Balphong	
Bellona	1 w	Ahrens	Ger. str.	759	Jan. 16	Siemens & Co.	Bangkok	To-day
Bombay	1 h	Ahrens	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheng	.....
China	4 c	Ackermann	Ger. str.	648	Jan. 29	Siemens & Co.	Ningpo & Shanghai	To-day
Chinkiang	1	Orr	Brit. str.	749	Dec. 21	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Dale	2 b	Thompson	Brit. str.	657	Jan. 29	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	
Danube	3 h	Clanchy	Brit. str.	661	Jan. 18	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	To-day
Emu	1	Blanco	Span. str.	222	Jan. 21	Remedios & Co.	Amoy and Manila	Coast Dock
Fama	6 b	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	.....	E. K. & W'pca Dock Co.	.....	Tug Plying
Flintshire	5 c	Thomas	Brit. str.	1236	Jan. 27	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....
Gordon Castle	3 c	Waring	Brit. str.	1812	Jan. 28	Adamsen, Leil & Co.	S'hai & Yokohama	
Hakon Adelstein	5 c	Bergh	Norw. str.	904	Jan. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....
Hector	5 c	Billinge	Brit. str.	1823	Jan. 27	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	
Hwai Yuen	4 h	Wilson	Chi. str.	850	Jan. 29	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Killarney	6 c	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	Jan. 29	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....
Kwangtung	5 b	Punchard	Brit. str.	876	Jan. 29	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Coast Ports	2nd prax.
Lorne	6 b	McNulloch	Brit. str.	1034	Jan. 12	Melchers & Co.	S'apore and Penang	
Malacca	5 c	Smith	Brit. str.	1709	Jan. 30	P. O. S. S. Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Meik	4 c	Graden	Chi. str.	181	Jan. 28	C. M. S. N. Co.	Hoihow & Balphong	at daylight
Namoa	4	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	Jan. 25	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	Ab'deen Dock	K'loon Dock
Ningpo	1	Cass	Brit. str.	761	Jan. 4	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	
Norba	3 h	Metzke	Brit. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheng	.....
Oceanic	4 c	Metzke	Brit. str.	3700	Jan. 17	O. S. S. Co.	Y'ama & S. F. Fed.	4th prax.
Pacific	1	Hernheim	Ger. str.	69	Jan. 10	Siemens & Co.	.....	Sands' Slip
Pekin	5 c	Woodcock	Brit. str.	877	Jan. 28	P. O. S. S. Co.	Europe, &c.	Mails, 1st pr.
Peruna	5 c	McKirdy	Belg. str.	2297	Dec. 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....
Quinta	3 c	Wrang.	Ger. str.	876	Jan. 7	Seoy Fhing	Saigon	4th prax.
Sea Gull	8 h	.....	Amer. str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray	.....
Tales	8 h	.....	Brit. str.	820	Jan. 9	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Sailing Vessels								
Abbey Cowper	7 c	Carr	Brit. bge.	689	Jan. 28	Meyer & Co.	.....
Agate	3 c	Fike	Amer. bge.	620	Dec. 20	Vogel & Co.	New York	
Alden Besse	4 c	Noyes	Amer. bge.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	San Francisco	
Alfredo	8 c	Pittaluga	Ital. bge.	909	Jan. 17	Borneo Co., Limited	.....
Brotherton	8 h	Heje	Ger. bge.	340	Jan. 25	Melchers & Co.	San Francisco	
Black Hawk	8 c	Bowland	Amer. sch.	1128	Jan. 13	Geo. B. Stevens & Co.	Channel f.c.	
Black Watch	4 c	Kennish	Brit. bge.	491	Dec. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....
Bury St. Edmunds	4 h	Kiddakjee	Dan. sch.	713	Jan. 25	Borneo Co., Limited	.....
Canarywharf	5 h	Fishwick	Brit. bge.	388	Nov. 13	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....
Channel Queen	4 c	Lacheur	Brit. sch.	60	Jan. 28	Edward Schellhass & Co.	.....
Charité	2 b	Gantiero	Fch. bge.	256	Jan. 18	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	Cleared
Charmers	8 c	Lucas	Amer. sch.	1838	Jan. 8	Order	.....
Christina	3 c	Capra	Nic. 3 m. sc.	178	Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.	.....
Coeran	8 h	.....	Amer. sch.	188	July 18	W. B. Ray	.....
Coloma	4 c	Hall	Amer. bge.	863	Nov. 18	Russell & Co.	Portland or San F'co	
Commissary	7 b	Morison	Brit. sch.	900	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.	.....
Condor	2 b	Stefans	Ger. bge.	868	Nov. 22	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	
Compaught Ranger	8 c	Murphy	Brit. sch.	1153	Dec. 3	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	
Cordouan	2 c	Bertaud	Fch. bge.	469	Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.	.....
Corea	1	Pearce	Brit. bge.	585	Jan. 6	Meyer & Co.	.....	Watchal Pier
Cresswell	4 k	White	Brit. bge.	464	Jan. 6	Wielser & Co.	.....
E. C. Mutch	1	Mutch	Brit. sch.	182	Jan. 3	Captain	.....	Coast Dock
Echo	2 k	Tezer	Brit. bge.	369	Jan. 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....
Elizabeth Nicholson	8 c	Grierson	Brit. sch.	904	Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited	.....
Emilio V.	2 h	Merello	Ital. bge.	724	Nov. 30	D. Musso & Co.	Nagasaki	Cleared
Esperance	4 c	Guillon	Fch. bge.	272	Dec. 2	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	Watchal Pier
Eve	8 c	Marceron	Fch. bge.	387	Jan. 28	Meyer & Co.	.....
Fanny	4 c	Gougon	Fch. bge.	314	Nov. 9	Ladstein & Co.	.....
Fingha Balough	3 c	Kiste	Ger. bge.	400	Dec. 19	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Fleetwing	3 c	McIntyre	Brit. bge.	464	Jan. 23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	New York	
Florence Nightingale	3 c	Taylor	Brit. sch.	635	Oct. 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Fontenoy	4 k	Vandevord	Brit. bge.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Callao	
Forward	2	.....	Brit. bge.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	.....
Friedrich	5 k	Slide-up	Ger. bge.	672	Jan. 7	Meyer & Co.	.....
Gylding	1	Winter	Dan. bge.	240	Jan. 18	Wielser & Co.	Amoy	Sands' Slip
Hail Columbia	4 k	Breteton	Amer. sch.	353	Nov. 19	Edward Schellhass & Co.	.....
Hattie N. Bangs	4 c	Bangs	Am. 3m. sch.	566	Dec. 1	Captain	.....
Hawthorn	3 c	Mead	Brit. bge.	296	Dec. 2	Wielser & Co.	Tientsin	Cleared
Hazelhurst	8 h	Goudery	Brit. bge.	877	Jan. 10	Rozario & Co.	.....
Helena	3 c	Snow	Amer. bge.	608	Jan. 1	Captain	Victoria (V. I.)	
Herbert Black	4 k	Treat	Amer. bge.	573	Jan. 2	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Highlander	4 k	Butchinson	Amer. sch.	1352	June 10	Vogel & Co.	.....
Holstein	1	Kilper	Ger. 3m. sch.	281	Jan. 6	Edward Schellhass & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Invincible	4 c	Strickland	Amer. sch.	1450	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.	Callao	
Irene	7 c	Yates	Amer. sch.	481	Jan. 18	Meyer & Co.	.....
J. H. Ingersoll	4 c	Daw	Amer. bge.	609	Nov. 24	Russell & Co.	New York	
Kirkland	7 c	Colledge	Brit. bge.	463	Jan. 24	Wielser & Co.	.....
Kvik	1	Larsen	Norw. lge	417	Dec. 14	Siemens & Co.	.....
Lota	8 c	Duddfield	Brit. bge.	472	Jan. 18	Order	.....
Louisa	3 k	Shierlich	Ger. 3m. ec.	245	Oct. 17	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Haiphong	
Maria Louisa	4 c	Krichsen	Ger. lgc.	442	Dec. 20	Wielser & Co.	.....
Marquis of Argyll	3 c	McKeon	Brit. bge.	600	Dec. 22	Rozario & Co.	.....
Matchless	4 c	Dawes	Amer. sch.	1165	Nov. 1	Meyer & Co.	Portland or San F'co	
Mignon	4 k	Soule	Am. 3m. sch.	484	Jan. 1	Captain	.....
Morning Star	1 h	Michaelson	Siam. bge.	570	Dec. 10	Obhuess	.....	Sands' Slip
Nicolas	1	Stolken	Ger. sch.	167	Oct. 10	.....	.....
Onward	4 c	Boyen	Brit. sch.	200	Dec. 27	Lace, Crawford & Co.	.....
Paralos	2 c	Pasco	Fch. bge.	742	Jan. 22	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	Cleared
Pilgrim	8 c	Fowle	Amer. sch.	956	Jan. 18	Russell & Co.	.....
P. Fitzpatrick	3 c	Phelan	Amer. bge.	680	Jan. 13	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	.....
Prince Arthur	3 k	Wills	Brit. bge.	296	Dec. 14	Chinere	.....
Rosetta McNeil	4 c	Brown	Amer. bge.	611	Dec. 1	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	
Silver Eagle	4 c	Richard	Brit. lgc.	978	Jan. 1	Adamsen, Ball & Co.	.....
Shillit	1	Tschang	Norw. bge.	581	Jan. 6	Meyer & Co.	.....	Watchal Pier
Shillit H. Allen	7 c	Taylor	mer. lgc.	589	Jan. 20	Meyer & Co.	.....
Stonewall Jackson	4 c	Miller	Amer. lgc.	1147	Dec. 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	.....
Strathmore	5 h	Miller	Brit. lgc.	1169	Dec. 17	Russell & Co.	.....
Strathmore	4 h	Hensworth	Brit. bge.	600	Dec. 21	Captain	.....
Sumaride	3 k	Tobiasen	Norw. sch.	943	Jan. 5	Siemens & Co.	.....
Sumatra	3 k	Clough	Amer. sch.	1080	Febr. 5	Russell & Co.	.....
Sydenham	1	Miller	Brit. sch.	1068	Jan. 6	Vogel & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Theresa & Nelly	1	Garceau	Fch. bge.	268	Nov. 18	Carlowitz & Co.	.....
Thos. A. Goddard	4 c	Smith	mer. bge.	682	Jan. 9	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	.....
Vicente	4 L	Trumoya	Span. bge.	618	Jan. 24	Remedios & Co.	.....
W. E. Gladstone	8 c	Gallicho	Brit. lgc.	684	Jan. 4	Master	.....
Wm. Phillips	8 b	Bealy	Amer. sch.	692	Jan. 13	Captain	.....
WHAMPOA								
Helene	1	Volghardsen	Ger. bge.	812	Jan. 18	Wielser & Co.	Tientsin	
Pacific Slope	1	Tank	Brit. lgc.	799	Jan. 18	Russell & Co.	.....